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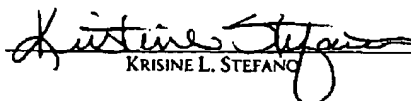
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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY**

This Reply is responsive to the outstanding Office Action mailed May 31, 2005. A Request for Continued Examination, together with the requisite fees, including a two-month extension fee are filed herewith. If the fees provided are incorrect to permit entry of this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account 06-0029 and is requested to notify us of the same. This Reply includes the following:

- **Amendments to the Specification** beginning on page 2 of this paper.
- **Amendments to the Claims** as reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 3 of this paper.
- **Remarks** beginning on page 8 of this paper.